

Edwards Supports "Doc Fix" Bill That Prevents Seniors from Losing Medicare Services

(Washington, DC) – [U.S. Representative Chet Edwards](#) today supported the Senate version of H.R. 3962; legislation that blocks a 21% cut in the reimbursement rate for physicians under Medicare known as the "doc fix" which passed the House and will be signed into law.

"Passing this bill into law tonight will keep seniors from losing Medicare services. A 21 percent pay cut for doctors would have forced them to drop Medicare patients, which would have been devastating for our seniors."

The estimated \$6.4 billion cost of the doc fix is paid for and does not add to the deficit unlike legislation Edwards opposed last fall that would blocked the rate cut for a longer period of time, but was not paid for and would have added \$210 billion to the nation's debt.□

Edwards is a senior member of the House Budget Committee.